

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method of managing print services provided by a print provider, the method comprising the steps of:
 - 5 defining a print managing system controller having the print services provided by the print provider registered therewith;
 - defining a network communication link between the print provider and the print managing system controller;
 - collecting data related to the print services provided by the print provider with the print managing system controller; and
 - 10 analyzing the data related to the print services provided by the print provider.
 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of defining the network communication link includes defining an Internet communication link between the print provider and the print managing system controller.
 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of collecting the data related to the print services includes collecting at least one of cost data of the print services and production data of the print services.
 - 20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of analyzing the data related to the print services includes generating statistics of the print services provided by the print provider with the print managing system controller using the data related to the print services, and further comprising the step of:
 - 25 reporting the statistics of the print services provided by the print provider.
 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - 30 receiving a job ticket and a data file for a print job at the print managing system controller;

collecting data related to the job ticket and the data file for the print job with the print managing system controller; and

analyzing the data related to the job ticket and the data file for the print job.

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6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of collecting the data related to the job ticket and the data file includes collecting at least one of cost data of the print job, production data of the print job, and profile data of the print job.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of analyzing the data related to the job ticket and the data file includes generating statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job with the print managing system controller using the data related to the job ticket and the data file, and further comprising the step of: reporting the statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job.

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8. A system for managing print services provided by a print provider, the system comprising:

a print managing system controller configured to have the print services provided by the print provider registered therewith,

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wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to collect data related to the print services provided by the print provider and analyze the data related to the print services provided by the print provider.

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9. The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is configured to communicate with the print provider via a network communication link.

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10. The system of claim 9, wherein the network communication link is an Internet communication link.

11. The system of claim 8, wherein the data related to the print services includes at least one of cost data of the print services and production data of the print services.

5 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the cost data of the print services includes at least one of operating cost, revenue, and profitability of the print services.

10 13. The system of claim 11, wherein the production data of the print services includes at least one of consumption and productivity of the print services.

15 14. The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to generate statistics of the print services provided by the print provider using the data related to the print services and report the statistics of the print services provided by the print provider.

20 15. The system of claim 8, wherein the print managing system controller is adapted to receive a job ticket and a data file for a print job from a customer, collect data related to the job ticket and the data file for the print job, and analyze the data related to the job ticket and the data file for the print job.

25 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the data related to the job ticket and the data file includes at least one of cost data of the print job, production data of the print job, and profile data of the print job.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the cost data of the print job includes at least one of cost and profitability of the print job.

30 18. The system of claim 16, wherein the production data of the print job includes at least one of consumption and productivity of the print job.

19. The system of claim 16, wherein the profile data of the print job includes at least one of customer identification and print job attributes of the print job.

20. The system of claim 15, wherein the print managing system controller is
5 adapted to generate statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job using the data related to the job ticket and the data file and report the statistics of the job ticket and the data file for the print job.

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